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Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

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Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and with the consent of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to notify the General Assembly of matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security that are being dealt with by the Security Council and of matters with which the Council has ceased to deal.

2. The matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security that have been discussed during the period since the notification to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session (A/57/392) are the following:

1. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. The situation in Burundi.
3. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.
4. The situation in Afghanistan.
5. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.
6. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

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** In view of the fact that the Security Council convened a high-level meeting on 11 September 2002 to pay solemn tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist acts of 11 September 2001, the reporting period contained in the present notification is from 12 September 2002 to 1 September 2003.

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7. The situation in Sierra Leone.

8. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

9. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

10. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

11. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

12. The situation in Croatia.

13. Small arms.

14. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait.

15. The situation in the Central African Republic.

16. The situation in Angola.

17. Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security.

18. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

19. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999).

20. Women and peace and security.

21. Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.

22. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

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23. The situation in Timor-Leste.**

* Prior to the 3647th meeting, held on 4 April 1996, this item had been formulated as "The situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina".

** As from the 4646th meeting, held on 14 November 2002, the wording of the item "The situation in East Timor" was revised to read "The situation in Timor-Leste".

24. Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

25. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

26. The situation in Cyprus.

27. Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security.

28. Letter dated 29 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1317).

29. Protection of civilians in armed conflict.

30. The situation in Somalia.

31. The situation in Liberia.

32. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

33. The situation in the Middle East.

34. Briefings by the Chairmen of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa, and the Working Group of the Security Council on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

35. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month.

36. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

37. Children and armed conflict.

38. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

39. High-level meeting of the Security Council: combating terrorism.

40. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

41. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

42. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

43. The situation in Georgia.

44. The situation in Western Sahara.

45. General issues relating to sanctions.

46. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.*

47. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

48. Proliferation of small arms and light weapons and mercenary activities: threats to peace and security in West Africa.

49. The Security Council and regional organizations: facing the new challenges to international peace and security.

50. The role of the Security Council in the pacific settlement of disputes.

51. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B.

52. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

53. Response to the humanitarian situation in Iraq.

54. United Nations peacekeeping.

55. Security Council mission.

56. The situation in Guinea-Bissau.

57. Protection of United Nations personnel, associated personnel and humanitarian personnel in conflict zones.

3. In accordance with the procedure set out in the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 August 1996 (S/1996/704), the Secretary-General, in his summary statement of 14 February 2003 on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration submitted pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council (S/2003/40), informed Member States that, as at 1 January 2003, the Security Council had not considered in formal meetings during the preceding five-year period (1998-2002) the following items (the item numbers correspond to those contained in paragraph 10 of document S/2003/40):

1. The Palestine question.

2. The India-Pakistan question (S/628).

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* In accordance with a note by the President of the Security Council dated 27 August 2002 (S/2002/964), the wording of items concerning "Meeting of the Security Council with troop-contributing countries ... pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A" was revised to read "Meeting of the Security Council with troop-contributing countries ... pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B".

3. The Hyderabad question (S/986).

4. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General (S/3963).

5. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4378).

6. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4605).

8. The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent (S/10411).

9. Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10409).

10. Complaint by Cuba (S/10993)

11. Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East.

12. Complaint by Iraq concerning incidents on its frontier with Iran (S/11216).

16. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question.

17. Request by the Libyan Arab Republic and Pakistan for consideration of the serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories (S/12017).

19. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.

20. The situation between Iran and Iraq.

21. Complaint by Iraq (S/14509).

22. Letter dated 19 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15615).

23. Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15914).

24. Letter dated 22 March 1984 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16431).

25. Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17509).

26. Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17787).

27. Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17991);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17992);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17993);

    Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17994).

28. Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19798).

29. Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20364);

    Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20367).

30. Central America: efforts towards peace.

31. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21120).

33. The situation in Cambodia.

40. Establishment of an international tribunal for the prosecution of persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

44. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol.

47. Security of United Nations operations.

54. Shooting down of two civil aircraft on 24 February 1996.

61. The situation in Albania.

64. Civilian police in peacekeeping operations.

66. The situation in the Republic of the Congo.

4. Subsequently, in accordance with the procedure contained in document S/1996/704, the Secretary-General received notifications from Member States requesting him to retain items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 44 as they appear in paragraph 3 above, on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized.

5. Also, pursuant to the decisions of the Security Council referred to above and in the absence of receipt of any notification to the contrary by 31 March 2003 requesting the retention of an item listed in paragraph 3 above, the remaining items mentioned therein, that is, items 11, 12, 21, 30, 33, 40, 47, 54, 61, 64 and 66 were deleted from the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized.

6. During the period since the notification to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session (A/57/392), the Security Council has not discussed at a formal meeting the following matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security of which it remains seized:

1. The Palestine question.
2. The India-Pakistan question (S/628).
3. The Hyderabad question (S/986).
4. Letter dated 20 February 1958 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General (S/3963).
5. Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4378).
6. Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4605).
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9. Complaint by Cuba (S/10993).
10. The Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question.
11. Request by the Libyan Arab Republic and Pakistan for consideration of the serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories (S/12017).
12. The situation in the occupied Arab territories.
13. The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.
14. The situation between Iran and Iraq.
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23. Letter dated 2 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21120).

24. The situation concerning Rwanda.

25. The question concerning Haiti.

26. The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

27. Complaint by Ukraine regarding the decree of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation concerning Sevastopol.

28. The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border.

29. Letters dated 20 and 23 December 1991 from France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

30. The situation in the Great Lakes region.

31. Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations.

32. The situation in Africa.

33. Letter dated 11 March 1998 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

    Letter dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

34. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security.

35. Letter dated 29 June 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council;

    Letter dated 25 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

    Letter dated 25 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

36. Threats to peace and security caused by international terrorist acts.

37. Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building.

38. Promoting peace and security: humanitarian activities relevant to the Security Council.

39. Letter dated 24 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

40. Letter dated 7 May 1999 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

41. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998).

42. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998) and 1239 (1999).

43. Promoting peace and security: humanitarian assistance to refugees in Africa.

44. Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

45. Protection of United Nations personnel, associated personnel and humanitarian personnel in conflict zones.

46. Briefing by Mr. Carl Bildt, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Balkans.

47. Maintaining peace and security: humanitarian aspects of issues before the Security Council.

48. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations.

49. Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, particularly in Africa.

50. Briefing by Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

51. Ensuring an effective role of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security.

52. No exit without strategy.

53. Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

54. Briefing by the Secretary-General.

55. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone.

56. Strengthening cooperation with troop-contributing countries.

57. Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Mircea Geoana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

58. Peace-building: towards a comprehensive approach.

59. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its border with Liberia and Sierra Leone;

    The situation in Liberia;

    The situation in Sierra Leone.

60. Letter dated 4 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

61. The situation along the borders of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

62. The situation in Guinea following recent attacks along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone;

    The situation in Sierra Leone.

63. Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the month of June 2001.

64. Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998.

65. Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

66. Security Council resolution 1054 (1996) of 24 April 1996.

67. Nobel Peace Prize.

68. Letter dated 30 April 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/434).

69. Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations.

70. Briefing by Mr. Ruud Lubbers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

71. Food aid in the context of conflict settlement: Afghanistan and other crisis areas.

72. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, section A.

73. High-level meeting of the Security Council on the anniversary of 11 September 2001: acts of international terrorism.

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Item 24 of the provisional agenda*
Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

Letter dated 8 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to state the position of Paraguay regarding the request for inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly entitled "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations", submitted by a number of Member States, as contained in document A/58/197 of 5 August 2003.

1. The Republic of Paraguay maintains full diplomatic, trade and cultural relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), values those relations and respects the progress achieved by Taiwan in all areas, especially economics and trade.

2. Given the principle of universality in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the components which indicate the existence of a State, and other circumstances which are essential in its view, Paraguay believes that the international community cannot fail to consider the aforementioned proposal, just as it would with any other State which meets the requirements established in the Charter of the United Nations. In keeping with this policy, Paraguay took the opportunity to support the admission of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the World Trade Organization.

3. As a founding member of an Organization which strives unceasingly to prevent and resolve conflicts affecting various parts of the world, and which requests the participation of all States, and in view of the recent changes which have taken place in the international sphere, like those resulting from globalization, Paraguay believes that the necessary foundation exists to welcome into the Organization those States which, through their actions in the international sphere, effectively demonstrate their desire to participate and contribute to the common effort to promote the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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4. The Government of Paraguay wishes to affirm that this is consistent with its foreign policy in this area, and thus, it supports the request submitted.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly in connection with the request for the inclusion of the "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations" as a supplementary item in the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Eladio **Loizaga**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee

Pattern of conferences

Letter dated 9 September 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly shall submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the United Nations Children's Fund to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered these requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected. The chairpersons of these bodies will also be informed of the statistics relating to their utilization of conference services in the past. If the benchmark figure of 80 per cent was not reached in the previous year, the Committee on Conferences will express its concern and make proposals for improvement.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on

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the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the United Nations Children's Fund to meet, in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions set out in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Tal**
Chairman
Committee on Conferences

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Item 15 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

Letter dated 5 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to announce to you that Portugal would like to relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the remainder of its term in favour of Turkey.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 15 (b) of the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Gonçalo **de Santa Clara Gomes**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations

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